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SUBJ: JOHNSON/SEMOV PRIVATE MEETING SEPT 28, 1976 (SALT TWO-1093)

1. I MET PRIVATELY WITH SEMENOV THIS AFTERNOON ON PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVI AND ACCOMPANYING AGREED STATEMENT (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES). I TOLD HIM THAT WASHINGTON WAS VERY SURPRISED AND CONCERNED OVER POSITION THEY HAD TAKEN IN THEIR JULY 14 STATEMENT AND THAT, WHEREAS MY JULY 28 REPLY WAS BRIEF, I WANTED TO EMPHASIZE ITS IMPORTANCE AND DISCUSS WITH HIM THE EVIDENT FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN US ON SUBJECT. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION I SAID THAT IT WAS INCONGRUOUS AND CONTRADICTORY ON THE ONE HAND TO BE TALKING ABOUT A NEW AGREEMENT AND POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON AGREEMENTS WHICH EXPANDED SCOPE OF SALT AGREEMENTS, WHILE ALSO MAKING PROPOSALS THAT WOULD LIMIT AND DECREASE THE AREA IN WHICH NTM COULD OPERATE. I POINTED OUT THAT NTM NOW OPERATED IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING VISUAL, AURAL, ELECTRONIC, ETC., AND THAT TO ELIMINATE ONE AREA WAS CLEARLY RETROGRESSION. IN HIS DEFENSE OF THEIR POSITION HE IMPLIED THAT TELEMETRY HAD BEEN ADDED BECAUSE OF OUR INSISTENCE OF ADDING TESTING AND IN GENERAL

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LARGELY REPEATED STATEMENT CONTINUED THEIR JULY 14 STATEMENT AND

SHCHUKIN'S JULY 22 CONVERSATION WITH EARLE.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE CONVERSATION TOMORROW.
JOHNSON

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